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Senators: NBAF will come to **K-State**

By Whitney Hodgin KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Department of Homeland Security will recommend K-State as its choice to be the new home of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, according to a press release from Sens. Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback, both R-Kan.

The decision, which initially was to be announced in October, is not official until an environmental impact study is released by Homeland Security followed by a 30-day public comment period.

The\$450millionBiosafety Level 4 laboratory will be relocated from Plum Island, New York, to Manhattan to continueresearchonbiological threatstohumansandlivestock like anthrax and foot-andmouth disease, according to the Associated Press.

"If NBAF comes to Kansas, it is estimated that over a 20-year period, the facility would have a significant impact on state's economy," Brownback said in the release. "I am working to establish Kansas as a leader in agriculture, animal health and biosecurity. We are the best location for the NBAF."

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson and leaders from the Kansas House and Senate traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with members from the U.S. House and Senate Appropriations committees in February to lobby for relocating the NBAF in Manhattan, rather than any of 28 other sites, according to an April 2 Collegian article.

has 'Kansas made bioscience research a top priority, and we're focused on using our research strengths to address global bioscience challenges," Sebelius said in a press release. "There is no doubt Kansas is the right partner for the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, and we're thrilled the hard work has paid off for our state?

appeal Manhattan and K-State is its internationally recognized animal health research expertise, strong research infrastructure and unmatched concentration of animal health companies, according to the press release.

"This is great news for Kansas State University, Manhattan, and Kansas," President Jon Wefald said in a press release. "This facility with 300 world-class scientists - will enhance K-State's reputation and prestige as the leading university in America for animal health and food safety and security."

A need for giving

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2008



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Food, toys, coats, money, clothes and time are all items local charities need more than usual this holiday season. Recent strains on the economy have increased the number of people requesting aid while lessening the amount of donations.

Economic woes challenge charities, donors

By Corene Brisendine KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The holidays are a time for friends and family; a time to give thanks and share with others. In Manhattan, several charitable and nonprofit organizations are reaching out to the community for help from more-fortunate citizens, whether that is an abundance of time, food, clothes or money.

GIVING FOOD

With the ice storm last winter, the tornado this summer and the slump in the economy, Manhattan residents' needs are

greater than in years past. "Our community especially has experienced so much this past year," said Tascha Phillips, director of the Flint Hills Breadbasket. "There have been a number of disasters our community has had to face."

Phillips also said Fort Riley is expanding.

"We have more people coming into the community, and we have more people who need jobs," she said. "I feel like it's hard for people to go out there and find the work that they need when they're having to compete so hard for these jobs. The cost of housing is just really high right now. People are suffering financially.

"The price of food has gone up tremendously this year, and people are just trying to stay afloat. When you are on that fixed income you don't have the extra money to play with when the price of gas goes up to \$4 a gallon. People are struggling with paying for child care in the community."

said Breadbasket sent out about 1.000 holiday food baskets in November and expects to increase that number by 100 for December.

"We base those baskets based on family size," she said. "The family's going to get everything they need to make a complete holiday meal."

The Breadbasket needs items like turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, vegetables, sweet potatoes, canned soups, breads and fresh apples to put in the baskets, she said.

Other food items needed are pancake mix and syrup, canned meat, canned fruit, tuna, cold cereal, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and

Breadbasket has served more food than last year, but has received less money in donations.

"On the donor side, people are scared," Phillips said. "All of our resources are limited ... There's uncertainty. People are trying to protect what they've got because they don't know what's going to happen. Donors still want to give, but they can't give as much as they have in the past.

holiday During season several organizations sponsor events and fundraisers to support those in our community hit hardest by these unfortunate events. Here are some of the events happening this month in Manhattan and what they are seeking.

GIVING FUN

Many Manhattan organizations have been collecting food donations for

the holiday parade that begins downtown at 6 p.m. Friday.

The floats in the parade will be created from donations received. Floats will be judged on creativity, and a prize will be awarded at the end of the parade to the best use of food donations on the float.

K-State baseball players will weave through the parade with grocery carts, collecting canned goods and food donations from the crowd.

Beginning Friday, Downtown Manhattan Inc. will sponsor carriage rides in the downtown area throughout the holiday season. The cost to ride is a nonperishable food donation, said Gina Scroggs, executivedirector of Downtown Manhattan Inc. Munson Angus Farms will provide the horses and carriage.

Any food collected will be donated to the Flint Hills Breadbasket.

Sunset Zoological Park will be participating in the parade and will give \$1 off admission throughout December, Director Scott Shoemaker said.

"It's part of our new 'Cool to Care' campaign," Shoemaker said. "This month it's cool to care about community members."

GIVING CASH

People can also give cash donations to the Breadbasket. 'Cash donations are

wonderful," Phillips said. "They are matched 50 cents on the dollar by local businesses and foundations. So that money goes even further. We can purchase food we are especially short on."

The

Crisis Center will mail out forms for local citizens to send in cash donations.

"We really depend on this mailing," Executive Director Judy Davis said. "From July 2006 through June 2007, we sheltered 3,023 people, and from July 2007 to June 2008 it was 6,235."

Davis said on its lowest month the center boarded 10 people, and during its busiest month they provided shelter for 53 different people.

"For whatever reason are serving more - in particular our safe shelter for domestic violence victims and their children," Davis said. "It's just pretty crazy right now and has been for a while."

GIVING TOYS

The Breadbasket has an "Adopt A Family" program. Potential donors can call Phillips at the Breadbasket to sign up. The program takes care of children's winter needs by purchasing clothes, shoes and new toys as holiday gifts.

Phillips said last year the program had 973 children, and this year families are still signing up.

Used toys can be donated to Toys for Manhattan. The toys are cleaned and refurbished for underprivileged families, Director Jody Padgett said.

The program was started several years ago by a Riley

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Check out our Web site to see organizations in the area accepting donations.

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Man charged with forgery

By Eric Davis KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A Concordia, Kan., man was arrested for buying beer, clothes and shoes with money he did not have, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

Charles Gier was arrested on three counts of theft, one count of forgery and one count of obstruction of the legal process.

Gier wrote checks at Beer Goggles, Trade Home Shoes, American Eagle, Hollister and Aeropostale, as well as a check to an individual.

Upon arrest, Gier gave a false name to police leading to the charge of obstruction of the legal process. He was held on \$2,000 bond.

Search for boy's body continues regularly

By Eric Davis KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Police are still looking for the body of Kolton Range in Tuttle Creek Lake after more than three weeks of searching, Riley County Police Department Lt. Kurt Moldrup said.

Moldrup said the rescue team is using a spotting scope and binoculars to search for the boy. The searches are conducted Mondays, Wednesdays and

Fridays as weather permits. The team will continue searching regularly for about two more weeks, and after that, will continue only as time allows.

The only certainty is that the body has not come to the surface.

Moldrup said one of the more likely possibilities is that the body sank into a thick layer of silt at the bottom of the lake.

"There is about five feet [of silt] on the bottom, and it is possible that he is in that," Moldrup said.

Police began searching the lake Nov. 15 in response toRange'sdrowningafterthe Leonardville, Kan., boyreportedly fell into the water near the Blue River Hills area, according to a RCPD report.

Judge's choice



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Hadley Rempe, Manhattan resident, examines a judging clipboard during the Friends of the KSU Gardens poinsettia sale Wednesday. Poinsettas are for sale for \$10 today and Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m, and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Visitor's Center.

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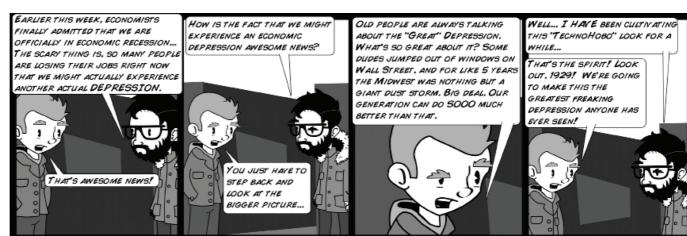
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Jianghai Xia, senior scientist for the Kansas Geological Survey, will give the lecture, "High-frequency Rayleigh-wave Method" at 4 p.m. today in Thompson 213 — not Wednesday as previously reported — as part of the Geology Seminar Series. Refresh-

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Oksana Tkachuk at 1 p.m. today in Nichols 232.

German Vargas Orozco will have a research proposal seminar at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Waters 129 as part of a entomology department seminar series. Snacks and coffee will be served at 1 p.m.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Ke Zhang at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Bluemont 122.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Amadou Seck at 2 p.m. Monday in Throckmorton 4026.

The K-State Orchestra will have a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in McCain Auditorium. The concert also will feature K-State Choirs and ballet and tap dancers, as well as solo performances. Admission is free, but a freewill donation will be taken for former principal horn player Sharyn Worcester's medical expenses.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Bernard Wiredu at 3 p.m. Dec. 12 in Hale 114.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Eric Moon at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in Cardwell 119.

FRIDAY'S WEATHER



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ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

TUESDAY

Zachary Dewayne Tilton, 2165 Prairie Glen Place, was arrested at 9 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$6,418.

Lanthan Michael Fillinger, Wamego, was arrested at 9:04 a.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$500.

Julio Ruiz DeLeon Jr., Fort Riley, was arrested at 9:35 a.m. for extradition of persons imprisoned or awaiting trial in another state or who have left the demanding state under compulsion. No bond was set.

Brian Lee Havens, Ogden, Kan., was arrested at 10:25 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000. Gary Emery Furthmyer, Wichita, was arrested

at 11:20 a.m. for making false reports, theft, forgery and failure to appear. Bond was set at

Jeffrey Alan Hughes, Wichita, was arrested at 11:20 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at

Fabian Ronnie Chavez, Wamego, was arrested at 3:45 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set

Daniel Redmond Westgate, 2181 W. 52nd Ave., was arrested at 4:35 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Anthony Duane Foveaux, Ogden, was arrested at 7:10 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Charles Joseph Gier, Concordia, Kan., was arrested at 7:40 p.m. for theft, forgery and obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$2,000. Cole Alton Taggart, Wamego, was arrested at 8:15 p.m. for contempt of court. Bond was set at \$32,000

Renee Elizabeth Nemeth, 1120 Haas Circle, was arrested at 9:30 p.m. for unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Raymond Edgar Shetterly IV, 1413 Highland Drive, was arrested at 2 a.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at







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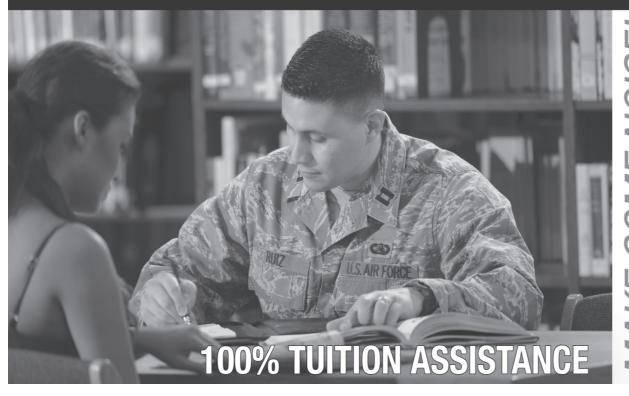
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SGA will focus on K-State, city projects fund

By Steven Miller

Since the Student Governing Association has rewritten the controversial bill on funding for the K-State Marching Band and delayed the vote on it, tonight's meeting should be decidedly more subdued.

Up for final action is recommendation for the disbursement of City/University special project funds in the amount of

Students contribute significant amounts of money to the city's economy, and special project funds will benefit not only K-State students but also other Manhattan residents, according to the agenda.

If accepted, \$346,000 would be used to support the KSU Recycling program. Other funds would be divided among lighting and sidewalk repair, \$13,200; emergency prevention, \$50,000; and the National Institute for Strategic Technology Acquisition and Commercialization building, \$50,000, among others.

Other final actions include helping three groups attend conferences. The K-State Interfraternity Council and the K-State Panhellenic Council are sending nine members each to the Mid-American Greek Council Association Conference in St. Louis. Farm Bureau is sending 40 members to the Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference in Wichita.

One new piece of legislation is a formal resolution to condemn the terrorist attacks which happened in Mumbai, India on Friday. The attacks lasted 60 hours, claimed more than 200 lives and injured more than 270 citizens of India, the U.S., Israel and Canada, among others.

"India is the world's largest democracy," according to the agenda, "and an attack on its financial capital represents an attack on the fundamentals of democ-

Upon passing, a copy of the condemnation will be signed and sent to President George W. Bush, President-elect Barack Obama, Pratibha Patil - the president of

the Republic of India – and others. New legislation will include a Privilege Fee bill, which will increase the Student Publications Inc. budget over the course of the next three years by roughly \$33,000. The increases will help meet rising costs of paper and ink and help make up for decreasing advertising revenue because of the failing economy.

Concert bands feature Cold War drama, jazz

By Jelani Yancey KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

At the center of the stage, a hero in black grappled with an invisible foe. Emerging victorious, the man swiveled, balanced and steeled himself to face yet more unknown challenges.

That hero was depicted by Scott Freeby, composer of "Moments in the Life of a Spy." Before a crowd of 300 at McCain Auditorium Wednesday night, Freeby conducted the composition as it was performed by K-State's Symphony Band. Throughout the piece, Freeby acted out slices of life as a Cold

The song was only one of the pieces performed at Mc-Cain last night, as part of a free concert presented by K-State's Concert and Symphony Bands.

"It was very invigorating, to say the least," said Lisa Herndmon, Overland Park resident. "I enjoyed watching the conductor. He brought it to life." The 68-member Symphony

Band performed four other pieces. Conducted by Frank Tracz, director of bands, those songs showcased the variety of tunes and tempos in the band's repertoire.
"This was very challenging

music, but it was fun music," Tracz said. "There was a jazz feel to the whole thing - lots of notes, lots of rhythms?

The Symphony Band, the top band at K-State, enjoyed an enthusiastic response from the

Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Anthony Pursell, assistant director of bands, conducts the K-State Concert Band during its Tuesday night performance. The ensemble played a variety of upbeat pieces.

"Jazz is always lively. It's exciting to listen to," said Diane Forgy, Kansas City, Mo., resident. She said her favorite piece was the evening's final performance, "Blues for a Killed Kat," composed by Jack End.

In addition to the Symphony Band, the 69-member Concert Band showed off its talent with five selections.

"Be Thou My Vision," com-

posed by David Gillingham, was one of the Concert Band's more popular pieces.

"It's a really beautiful arrangement," Kelissa said Kersenbrook, second horn in Concert Band and freshman in pre-pharmacy.

The Concert Band performed several selections with an upbeat, exuberant tempo. Its pieces had the flavor and fanfare of a Broadway musical,

Tracz said.

"Incantation and Dance" had some great beats," Kersen-

brook said. Anthony Pursell, assistant director of bands, conducted all of the Concert Band's pieces except for "Incantation and Dance," which was conducted by Anna Eaverson, graduate student in music.



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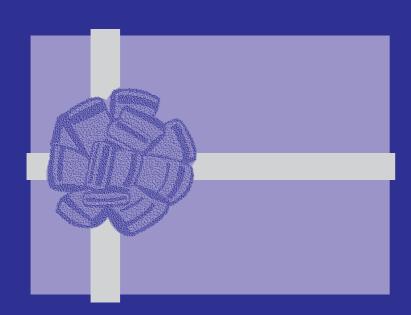
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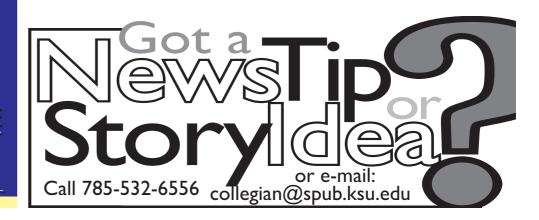
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OPINION

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Up a tree

Efforts to slow Amazon deforestation come as much-needed measure



NICK A. WILSON

In these times of war and terror, the U.N. has been pausing its discussion of these issues to face global climate problems. Despite one's opinion of the immediate effect of global warming, it should be clear that mass emission of carbon dioxide is not a great thing for our atmosphere.

A significant player in the game of increased emissions is the deforestation of the Amazon rainforest in South America. It is estimated that there was a 3.8-percent increase in deforestation last year compared to the previous

Because of this growing concern, Brazilian officials announced their plan to reduce deforestation to help the global climate at a U.N. conference. This much-needed plan unfortunately comes at a very high price during times of economic recession for many struggling countries.

The plan calls for a reduction of deforestation by 70 percent during the next 10 years, according to BBC News.

The head of the Brazilian government's forestry service, Tasso Azevedo, said, "We can now adopt targets, because we now have the instruments to implement them."

The instrument Azevedo was referring to is the new Amazon fund. It is a program set up to collect funds from countries all over the world to help keep the Amazon intact. This collection of contributions is expected to help the conservation effort.

Recently, Norway announced it will help the Amazon by donating \$1 billion to the fund next year. This large sum comes with a stipulation, though. Norway will continue to contribute to the fund each year only if there has been a decrease in deforestation within the previous year.

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The burning of forests has helped

the ever-increasing levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide. Carlos Minc, Brazil's environment minister, said the government will push this initiative to the fullest

"Just in terms of avoided deforestation in the Amazon, the plan foresees a reduction of 4.8 billion tons of carbon dioxide that won't be emitted up to 2018, which is more than the reduction efforts fixed by all the rich countries," Minc said.

A 70-percent reduction in deforestation means about 6,000 square kilometers per year – or almost half the amount that is deforested each year. The National Space Research Institute took satellite images that showed 4,633 square miles were deforested from August 2007 through July 2008. That totals an area about twice the size of Delaware and is cause for much concern, according to The Associated Press.

This is not meant to be a small step toward helping the environment; rather, it is a way to channel as much monetary support as possible toward an area known for having a significant effect on Earth's climate.

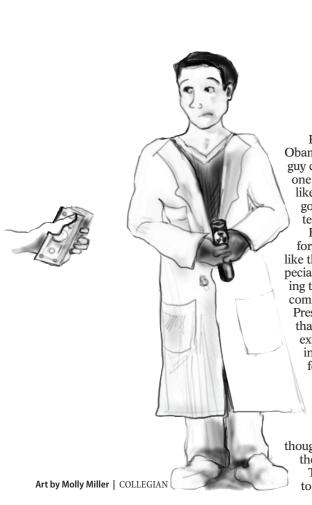
Though the government can reduce the amount of deforestation that occurs, those in the region who harvest trees illegally will be much harder to stop.

It was reported earlier this year that a major crackdown on illegal deforestation. Policing in the region has already begun.

For the sake of Brazil's forestry units and the funds sent from all over the world, hopefully there will be positive action toward preventing further depletion of the atmosphere.

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New administration should prevent bioterror





MEGAN MOLITOR

President-elect Barack
Obama is going to be one busy
guy come January. From day
one of his presidency, issues
like the economic crisis are
going to require much attention and work.

However, one must not forget other serious issues, like the threat of terrorism, especially bioterror. According to Fox News, a bipartisan commission informed Vice President-elect Joe Biden that the United States can expect a terrorist attack using biological weapons be-

fore 2013.

Not "should prepare for" or "vague possibility of happening" but "expect." This should be an extremely frightening thought for U.S. citizens and the government.

The problem, according to the report, is not that

terrorists will become scientists but that scientists will become terrorists. Terrorists still lack the ability to carry out a biological attack, but that does not mean the gap is not nar-

Everyone has a price, as the saying goes. It is extremely conceivable that if offered enough money, scientists with the knowledge it would take to carry out a biological attack could be bribed to share their secrets or allow the use of their labs which contain dangerous pathogens.

Bob Graham, a former senator who helped lead the commission, said in the report, "The threat of a terrorist attack using nuclear or biological weapons is growing not because we have not done positive things but because adversaries are moving at an even faster pace to increase their access to those materials."

The U.S. has done much to counteract terrorism, but these increased threats are going to require much more. The report suggests that Obama "bolster efforts to counter and prepare for germ warfare by terrorists," and this is truly a necessity.

This must remain one of the highest priorities for the

Obama administration. Terrorists are getting smarter, and it absolutely will not pay to let our guard down. An attack of this nature could be catastrophic – this should go without saying. What the report suggests is a necessity: The new administration must designate at least one individual to solely work on combating the use of these types of weapons. The report encourages this individual to be from the National Security Council,

Fox News reported.

But why stop at one individual? A problem of this magnitude could warrant an entire team of people devoted to combating biological terror from people who wish to harm our country.

No one should have to live in fear of terrorists using something as simple as every-day life to wreak havoc on us. Let us hope the Obama administration gets off to the right start by making sure the frightening things in this report do not become a reality.

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The Little Apple should follow the Big Apple's ways and have a Christmas tree instead of a "holiday" tree.

Hip hip hooray for Christmas vacation.

Our newspaper is even more painful to read than our football team was to watch this year.

State law requires I yield to people in crosswalks — not people walking aimlessly in streets.

There's this lady with a hat, and we call her Hat Lady. She was looking fly as hell today.

This is for every person not doing homework on library computers: I hate you.

I would totally text "vote" to 14457. Those "You Suck" guys have it right; a world without Miley Cyrus would be so much better.

Just in case you were curious, the crosswalk is for pedestrians, not bikes. If you're crossing on your bike, get off and walk it across.

A Rubik's cube with only two colors would be stupid.

To the guy who climbed to the top of the spork: That was awesome.

A guy in my philosophy class said "like" 56 times today, but he still hasn't beat his record of 70 times in one day.

Yeah, I'm about to listen to my "tight pants" music.

Sodomize intolerance.

I am a lonely fork, waiting for my spoon to call

Hey, Fourum, how come every time I come to McDonald's, they make me wait at the drive-thru? I'm getting tired of it.

To the girl with the blonde-looking hair that works at the Union food court: You're hot.

Dear band, get over it. We don't care anymore. Love, the rest of the university.

To the person questioning Mark Erbacher: Questioning your president is an American right. Get over it.

I'm an eskiho.



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TO THE POINT

NBAF selection will benefit economy, create more opportunities for students

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The National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility is about 30 days from officially naming Manhattan its new home, and officials representing K-State and local and state governments are enthusiastic about the positive effect the facility will have on our community.

The facility will be located near the Biosecurity Research Institute and the National Agricultural Biosecurity Center near the intersection of Kimball and Denison avenues.

Thousands of new jobs will be created for the research and development of vaccines and countermeasures for diseases that threaten livestock and other animals.

Students graduating with degrees applicable to the facility's research will benefit from its proximity to K-State as well, instead of moving to larger cities in search of professional research jobs.

Local opinion is torn between the economic benefit and potential hazards of the facility, which will study biological threats like anthrax and the bird flu in a biosecurity level-4 lab. The possibility that such viruses could become airborne and infect people and livestock has convinced some that the facility should be relocated to a more remote area than Manhattan. However, there were no safety mishaps at its current location on Plum Island, New York.

The Collegian supports relocating the NBAF to K-State because of the many advantages our region and university provide and because it will provide more learning opportunities for students and attract scientists who might otherwise impart their knowledge elsewhere.

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Preparation essential for winter car care, road safety

By Adam Ingersoll KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As winter gets closer, many students have already made the necessary adjustments to prepare for the change in weather. As they pull out parkas and petticoats, they might want to prepare their vehicle as well.

Cold weather affects a car negatively in many ways. Air in tires contracts, fluids become viscous, and solids become brittle. However, with a little preventative maintenance, cars can be made safe for the most brutal conditions.

BATTERY-



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While under the hood, drivers should check the battery for corrosion, cracks, and leaks. If the battery is more than three yearsit should be checked. Batteries that are at least four and a half years old should be replaced. Terminals should be tightly secured and well-insulated, and drivers should always keep jumpercables in the trunk.

TIRE CARE



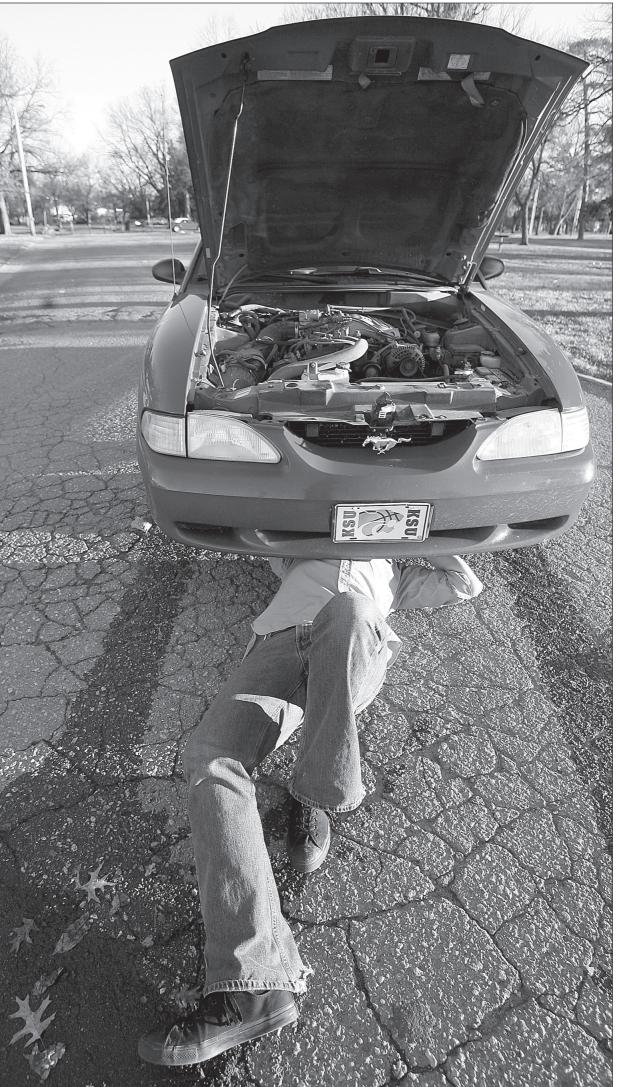
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-Other than snow and ice, the only thing between a car and the road are tires. As the temperature drops, air in your tires contracts, and the pressure drops as well. Drivers should check the pressure in their tires to ensure they are filled to the recommended Analyze your pressure. performance in vehicle's adverse road conditions. For a rear-wheel drive automobile, a few pounds over the rear axle in the trunk or bed in the form of sandbags or cinderblocks can add much needed weight. For any two-wheel drive vehicle it may be necessary, or at least beneficial, consider putting snow tires on the vehicle. Bald tires should be replaced now, before the ice and snow.

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There are many things that students need to do in order to prepare their cars for winter weather, including checking tire pressure, changing oil, checking batteries, and making sure windshield wipers work.

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-Low temperatures begin the freezing process in many liquids needed to circulate through cars, making them viscous (gel-like). Viscous oil flows sluggishly, and impedes the performance of a vehicle. Drivers should use the correct oil viscosity for their vehicle and the Kansas climate. If it has been 3,500 miles since your last oil change, get it changed. Oil should be changed every 3,500 miles. The technician might even catch other problems under the hood while he's changing

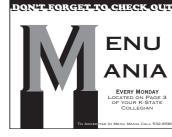
WIPERS-



To see through every sort of precipitation winter brings, drivers need to make sure their car's windshield wipers are working. Old and frigid wipers can turn brittle and shatter, offering no relief.

Windshield washer fluid should be filled with equal parts water and antifreeze to keep it from freezing. Wipers should be fixed before they are needed.

these With precautions, any vehicle can be prepared for a battle against the harsh, Kansas weather. Of course, some do not make it, which is why the best advice is to be prepared for the unexpected. Jumper cables, a towrope and a blanket should be car staples for any winter driver.



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Michael Fee, sophomore in advertising, jumps to block a ball Monday night during practice for the KSU club volleyball team. The club volleyball team began 10 years ago and hopes to be host to a home match next semester.

Men's club volleyball team enjoys competition despite limited funding

By Steve Berklund KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Though women dominate the volleyball scene at K-State, a dozen men are working to hold their own.

The men's club volleyball team does not have the funding it needs to build an extremely active club team at K-State, and all but one person on the squad lack experience playing on a volleyball team, but that hasn't stopped them this fall as they have already won a tournament.

The men's club volleyball team features five returning starters from last season's squad, including club president and middle hitter Kent Harrison and vice president and setter Alex Foltz.

The team always welcomes new players to the squad, as one player has stepped in and filled a void from last season's team,

"Jamie [Mahoney] is our new right-side hitter," Foltz said. "Jamie has never played organized volleyball before this year, and we lost a really good player from last season, but Jamie has really made up for it."

Mahoney, fifth-year student in architec-

tural engineering, decided to join the team because of his friends. He said he expects good things out of this team when the season begins in the spring semester.

"I had a couple of friends that played volleyball in college, and they kind of got me into it," Mahoney said. "And I decided to try it out, and I like it so far. I think we're going to be pretty good. We won that preseason tournament in Nebraska, and we looked pretty good. I think we're going to do pretty well."

Though the team has had recent success, the club has only been at K-State for 10 years.

The team used to be part of a league, but funding has been an issue, Harrison said. The team has limited funding, and they have to abide by certain rules to receive money from K-State.

"Anyone can join the team," Harrison, junior in hotel and restaurant management, said. "We get our money allocated a certain amount depending on previous years and how many people come out for the team. One requirement is that we must have at least two-thirds of the team being K-State students.

"It seems like every year the money we receive keeps going down - that's why we aren't in a league," he said.

With funding always an issue for the team, it makes finding teams to play that much harder. However, next semester when the season starts, it should be interesting to see if the team will be host to a home match.

"We haven't hosted a home match for awhile now," Foltz, senior in marketing, said. "This year, we are really hoping to have one, and if we do, we would have it at [Peters Recreation Complex]. It's hard to find teams to play, though. We haven't played a Big 12 club team in a few years.

"The last team we played was the University of Kansas, and we beat them pretty bad. Shortly after we played them, they didn't have a club team anymore, so we like to think it was because we beat them so bad," he said.

As long as the men's club vollevball team exists at K-State, they will compete with any willing team. To join the team, interested players should show up at 9 p.m. Monday or Wednesday nights at Ahearn Field House on the basketball courts.

VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats arrive in Seattle for first round of NCAA tourney

By Justin Nutter KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With the regular season finished, it's do-ordie time for the K-State volleyball team.

After a 24-7 record and a third-place finish in the Big 12 Conference, the Wildcats have turned their attention to Seattle for a matchup with Santa Clara University (17-9) in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"We have a very difficult draw initially in the first round," said head coach Suzie Fritz. "Santa Clara is a very capable volleyball team, so it will not be easy for us to get through the first and second rounds, but we have every intention of trying to go out there and win as much as we can.'

A win against the Broncos would pit the Wildcats against either Portland State or Washington - who is coached by Fritz's predecessor, Jim McLaughlin.

Fritz said Santa Clara, which has made 11 straight tournament appearances, is a dangerous team, and it will not be easy to upend the Broncos to set up a potential meeting with the Wildcats' former coach.

"[Santa Clara plays] fast. They're a talented team," she said. "They've got a big, physical setter, they've got Brittany Lowe and [Anna]

Cmaylo, one of their middles. You know, really, really nice players. I think they're pretty balanced. I think they're very comparative with a lot of the teams we play in the Big 12."

The first-round match will mark just the second all-time meeting between the Wildcats and Broncos. Santa Clara swept K-State on Aug. 26, 2006 in the Fresno State Invitational.

The Broncos have been paced this season by Lowe, an outside hitter, and Cmaylo, a middle blocker. The seniors are averaging 3.63 and 2.97 kills per game, respectively. Santa Clara has featured a balanced attack during the 2008 campaign, as a total of four players

average over two kills. K-State will counter with the solid net play of seniors Rita Liliom and Nataly Korobkova. The outside hitters have dominated up front this season, averaging 4.13 and 3.23 kills. Senior middle blocker Megan Farr has been a solid all-around contributor for K-State, as she has averaged 1.75 kills and 1.24 blocks this season while maintaining a .350 hitting

The match will take place at the Bank of America Arena. First serve is set for 4 p.m. Friday. The winner will play Portland State or Washington at 4 p.m. Saturday.





Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Libero Lauren Mathewson prepares to receive the ball during the Nov. 16 home match against Texas.

K-STATE SPORTS NEWS

BANKS, CAMPBELL LEAD CATS ON ALL-BIG 12 TEAMS

Kansas State placed a total of eight student-athletes on the 2008 All-Big

12 football teams, led by Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year Brand o n



Banks

and defensive end Ian Campbell, conference officials announced Tuesday. Selections were made by the Big 12 head coaches,

who were not permitted to vote for their own players.

Along with Banks' individual honor, Campbell earned second team honors as a defensive lineman after garnering first team accolades in 2006 and 2007. Earning honorable mention honors for the Wildcats were senior offensive lineman Jordan Bedore, junior defensive lineman Eric Childs, freshman defensive lineman Brandon Harold, sophomore defensive back Joshua Moore, senior kicker Brooks Rossman, junior offensive lineman Nick Stringer and Banks, a junior, as a wide receiver, punt returner and kick re-

ond straight Wildcat to earn offensive newcomer of the year accolades after Deon Murphy took the honor in 2007. In all, Kansas State has now had eight players earn conference newcomer of the year

honors since 1996. The Garner, N.C., native had one of the best seasons in school history for a junior wide receiver after collecting 67 receptions for 1,049 yards and nine touchdowns. He became the sixth player in school history to reach 1,000 receiving yards in a season and his 67 catches and 1,049 receiving yards were the most by a Wildcat junior for one season.

Banks also contributed Banks became the sec- on special teams in 2008 as he collected 498 yards and Iowa State, carding on 18 kickoff returns and five punt returns for 58 yards. His 98-yard kickoff return against Nebraska tied for the fifth-longest in school history. Banks' 1,731 total all-purpose yardage in 2008 ranks fifth in single-season school history, while his 144.2 allpurpose yards per game mark checks in at No. 8 on the K-State single-season

records chart. A native of Cimarron, Kan., Campbell recorded 47 total tackles during his senior season in 2008, including 8.0 for losses, with 4.5 sacks and a schoolrecord three blocked field goals. Campbell recorded his best games of the 2008 season against Louisiana

11 tackles, 1.5 sacks and

pass break against t h e Ragin' Cajuns, while closing out his career IAN with 10 stops

CAMPBELL

and a blocked field goal against the Cyclones.

Campbell ranks sixth in school history with 20.5 career sacks and compiled 37.5 tackles for loss in his career.

- K-State Sports Information

Seniors deserve recognition



Does a 38-30 win over a lowly Iowa State team really matter?

BERKLUND

Well, if you ask every senior on the K-State football team, they'll tell you the same thing – that no one wants to go out on a losing note.

The 2008 football senior class consisted of 23 players from all over the U.S. This senior class is highlighted by Ian Campbell and Reggie Walker, but people should know every senior was vital to the team.

Wide receiver Ernie Pierce began both his seasons at K-State rather slowly but ended them strong. He caught two touchdown passes in the last game of his junior campaign while catching three total in 2008.

Brooks Rossman led a special teams unit that ranked among the best in the nation. His season was highlighted by making a career-long 53-yard field goal against Colorado.

Other senior special teams players that have done good things for K-State are kicker Jared Parker and kickoff coverage headhunter Heath Alexander. Defensive back Andrew Erker's most memorable moment as a Wildcat came on a specials team play against Texas in 2006 when he blocked a punt in a 45-42 victory.

Offensive lineman and team captain Jordan Bedore anchored an offensive line along with Ben Liu, Brad Rooker, Gerard Spexarth and Alesana Alesana. This offensive line featured a 1,000-yard running back and 3,000-yard quarterback in 2007 and did not give up a sack in 2008 until midway through the season.

Tight end Brett Alstatt had many memorable moments during his time at K-State. Alstatt caught his first career touchdown pass in a loss against Nebraska in 2007. Tight end Darrin Seiwert also saw playing time as a Wildcat, and Brent Draper helped provide depth at the position.

All-Big Three-time selection Campbell defensive highlights a line that showed signs of greatness. Campbell finished his career ranked among the top sack leaders in K-State history. Vlad Faustin had his first sack of the season against Louisville, while Brandon Balkcom intercepted his first career pass against Texas Tech this season. Pete Yemm helped K-State by playing well in the 2008 spring game.

Antwon Moore has had plenty of earth-shattering hits as a Wildcat, but none more than the flying hit on Auburn quarterback Brandon Cox. Walker also had plenty of big hits, but the one that sticks out most was during his freshman year on a fourth-down play against Missouri, Walker laid the wood to a Tigers receiver, causing Missouri to turn the ball over.

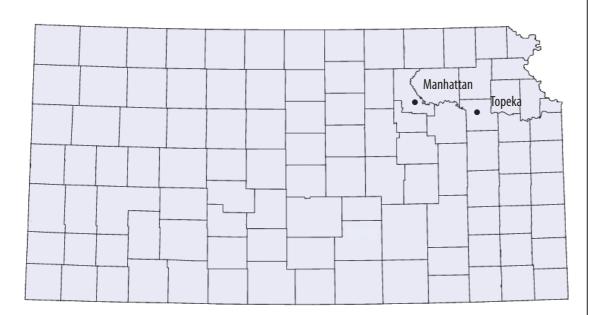
Chris Bamberger also helped the Wildcats getting his first career start against Iowa State.

The defensive backs were led by Ray Cheatham played in every who game this year, getting an interception against North Texas. Cedric Wilson who started his career as a wide receiver, made his first career interception against Missouri this season.

Every senior on the K-State football team made a difference one way or another - and their efforts are appreciated.

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KANSAS BRIEFS



REP. TOM HAWK RECOGNIZED FOR BIOSCIENCE WORK

Tom Thornton, Kansas Bioscience Authority president, commended Rep. Tom Hawk, D-Manhattan, for his part in the 2008 Legislative Bioscience Innovation Tour Nov. 19 and 20, according to a recent press release.

Hawk participated in the tour, which made eight stops in seven Kansas cities within 36 hours, according to the release. The goal of the tour was to provide elected officials with a firsthand perspective on the innovation and accomplishments of Kansas bioscience researchers and businesses.

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"The Kansas Economic Growth Act was a landmark piece of legislation that focused or state on national leadership in the biosciences," Thornton said in the release. "In this endeavor, we value the ongoing partnership of Rep. Hawk and other legislators who have a big vision for the jobs, capital and research dollars that can be created and invested in Kansas' existing areas of bioscience strength"

strength."

According to the release, the Kansas Bioscience Authority is committed to expanding research capacity, supporting bioscience start-up growth and encouraging industrial expansion and attraction.

The KBA has supported projects that resulted in about 1,100 jobs, \$92 million in investments and \$37 million in research funding, according to the release.

REPRESENTATIVE ASKS GOVERNOR TO IMPLEMENT BUDGET CUTS

Rep. and Sen.-elect Jeff Colyer, R-Overland Park, has asked Gov. Kathleen Sebelius to use her authority to enact her proposed budget cuts, according to a recent press release.

"Kansas is facing an economic crisis of historic proportions," Colyer said in the release. "The governor has the authority to implement the budget cuts she has requested, but she refuses to use her authority. She needs to act now."

Colyer also said if the current fiscal crisis is put off until February, there will only be a few months left to "absorb" budget cuts, making them more devastating.

"Kansans demand that we act to resolve the budget crisis – not play politics," he said in the release.

Colyer claimed that in three years, the budget went from being \$935 in the black to being \$959 in the red, primarily because of increased spending.

Kansas law requires the state to have a balanced budget.

ATTORNEY GENERAL SIX ANNOUNCES PROJECT TO SUPPORT SHELTERS

Kansas Attorney General Steve Six last month announced his Domestic Violence Shelter Improvement Program which will encourage businesses to support shelters across the state, according to a recent press re-

The program will ask businesses and corporations in Kansas to offer monetary or in-kind contributions, according to the

release.

Because the shelters are in need, Six asked companies for support for the shelter programs, and Wal-Mart has contributed \$15,000 for shelter renovations.

"It's important that big companies in Kansas follow Wal-Mart's example and help support the communities they do business in," Six said in the release. "By donating funds to our new shelter improvement project, companies can improve resources available to victims of domestic abuse in their commu-

Six said in the release he hopes to increase domestic violence intervention and prevention efforts in Kansas through this partnership with the Wal-Mart Foundation.

Through the program, Wal-Mart and Six will provide educational messages in Wal-Mart stores to prevent abuse.

Crops should not suffer from this year's freeze

By Steven MillerKANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Last week Manhattan crops felt the first hard freeze of the season, but how that will affect crop yields and the local economy varies from season to season.

Different crops are affected in a variety of ways by cold weather. As temperatures fall below freezing, sorghum yields also fall, yet other crops like soybeans are not affected until temperatures drop below 26 degrees.

Josh Roe, a K-State watershed economist, had a positive out-

"Most everyone has their fall crops out already," he said. "Corn and soybeans are most vulnerable to early freezes, but I haven't heard anything about Kansas crops getting hit."

He also said hard red winter wheat is "designed to love the freeze" and that cold weather helps the crop further develop.

Roe speculated Manhattan's economy would not suffer.

"It's largely dictated by K-State students and Fort Riley, as you might imagine, but there's still a large amount of people here whose livelihoods depend on agriculture," Roe said. "It's amazing how big our economy is without having any real processing industry in town."

Much of the difference in crop yield has to do with the different developmental stages of the seeds.

"At the soft dough stage of grain sorghum, the estimated yield loss from freeze injury is 38-52 percent," a representative from Mid-Kansas Co-op stated in an e-mail interview. "At the hard-dough stage, yields may be reduced from 2 to 27 percent."

Manhattan Farmer's Coop General Manager Darin Marti, described conditions for corn and the different stages for its growth.

"The dough stage is where the seed is no longer milky inside but still soft like dough," Marti said.



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN Local crops experienced the first hard freeze of the season last week.

Corn damages can be even more extreme – 58 percent – during the dough stage, especially if the ear itself is damaged. That large of a loss can create a dramatic loss of profits.

Though the economy at large is in disrepair, this year's crop, at least in Manhattan, does not look like it will suffer.

"We're fairing very well and with a wide range of yields. We would compare it to 2004's yield, which was very good on average," Marti said.

By diversifying, more farmers are finding ways to avoid large losses on one crop that did not survive the elements.

Among this diversification is soybeans, a versatile legume with uses in flour, meal and oil, to name a few.

Not only do soybeans have a high threshold for cold, Marti said, they also are no longer affected by even the hardest freezes after they are 95 percent mature.

"I really don't think the freeze affected us very much," Marti said. "We were late enough along. It's going to be a good year."

'Teasing' for AIDS awareness

Jade Esteban Estrada, comedian and actor, sings a song titled "Protease Inhibitor," as Miss Protease Inhibitor 1996, Wednesday night in the K-State Student Union Ballroom. The song was part of his one-man musical comedy "A Lullaby for Ryan: The History of HIV/AIDS in America." Estrada has been featured on several TV shows, including "The Graham Norton Effect," "Friday Night Lights," "30 Rock," and "In the Life TV."

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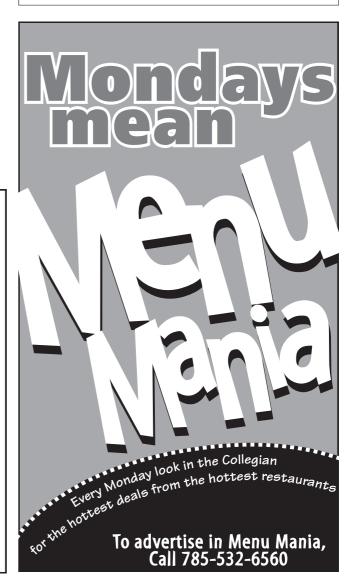
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With bitter weather settling in and the holiday season on its way, you might find that you're either too busy or too cold to exercise outside.

Unless you've found some way to ski in Kansas, chances are most of your sporting will be done inside. Even the most avid runners find it hard to get out of bed and go for a jog on a sub-32-degree day.

Most people find their solutions at the Peters Recreation Complex, and as a result, the Rec is definitely busy during the winter months. If you're looking for a quiet workout that gives great toning results and can even relieve stress from finals and the holidays, try yoga.

Everyone can benefit from yoga – men, women, young, old and even those who say, "I'm not flexible enough." It focuses on breathing and relaxation, as well as poses that can be modified for beginners to encourage flexibility and strength. Participants have reported health benefits, including increased concentration and a more positive mood.

According to *WebMD.com*, yoga has been shown to lower blood pressure, decrease heart rate and increase immune system function. Yoga strengthens the core muscles of the abdominals and back, contributing to better posture.

Yoga can be traced back 5,000 years, but researchers believe the practice began as many as 10,000 years ago, according to *yogabasics.com*. Yoga is not a religion but a spiritual practice that holds universal philosophies and can be incorporated into

any belief system.
Yoga has many paths, but the most commonly known in our society is Hatha Yoga. According to *yogabasics.com*, this type of yoga focuses on a variety of postures, called "asanas" meant to harness

the body's energy.

Kim O'Neill, senior in elementary education, took a yoga and Pilates class for course credit this semester at Pro Fitness in Aggieville.

"It was a good weekly exercise, and it was very relaxing," she said. "It made my other classes seem less stressful. I would definitely recommend the class to others."

Ready to try your first yoga pose?
Begin with one called downward-facing dog. Place your hands and knees on the ground, tuck your toes under, and straighten your legs. You should look like an upside-down "V," with the crown of your head facing the ground and your heels pressed into the floor. This pose is a great stretch for the hamstrings and calves and strengthens the shoulders and arms.

Yoga classes are taught at noon on Tuesdays at the Rec as well as at other times, which are available on the group fitness schedule that can be downloaded at *recservices.ksu.edu*. Yoga is also available at the LIFE Fitness Center on Wednesday evenings at 5:30.

Sarah Hurd is a senior in kinesiology. She teaches aerobics classes at the LIFE Fitness Center at noon on Fridays. Please send comments to <code>edge@spub.ksu</code>.



ALBUM REVIEW

Kanye finishes tough year with unusual, introspective album

Kanye West
"808s and Heartbreak"

★★★☆

Album review by Mark Sibilla

It has been a tough year for Kanye West. He and his fiancée parted ways, and his mother, Donda West – who raised West by herself since he was 3 years old – died due to complications following cosmetic surgery.

So the title of his new album "808s and Heartbreak" could not be more appropriate. It's a deeply introspective electro-pop record where West explores the pain, regret and guilt associated with loss; purists who demand West's patented "chipmunk soul" vocal samples will find little to like.

West also forgoes rapping in favor of singing, often filtering his vocals through Auto-Tune. His vocals are shaky at times, but the decision to sing rather than rap is a smart one. West knows more emotion can be evoked from song than from speech, a point driven home by a clumsy rap from

Young Jeezy in "Amazing," which briefly breaks up the album's flow.

Album opener "Say You Will," sounds purposefully distant. Like the rest of the album, it is very minimalist in its composition. Two metronomic tones beep over and over, while a thumping bass and hollow drums serve as rhythm. The song has one of West's best vocal performances, but he eventually lets the song run out into a three-minute outro of disembodied choral voices and drum machines. It gives the song a sense of defeat and perfectly sets the tone for the album.

The album upon first listen, sounds bland and similar. However, repeated listens prove fulfilling, and interesting sonic flourishes appear. The wild strings in "RoboCop," the busy electronic buzzing in "Street Lights" and the brash, stately snare drums in "Love Lockdown" all are excel-

lent examples of this.

The songs in which West pushes himself and follows the bedroom electro-pop aesthetic are the most successful. They work well in conjunction with the Auto-Tune vocals, giving the songs an added sense of desolation and despair. In fact, the more

conventional songs, especially those where outsiders enter the mix, are the weakest.

"Amazing" with Jeezy and "See You in My Nightmares" with Lil Wayne are album low points

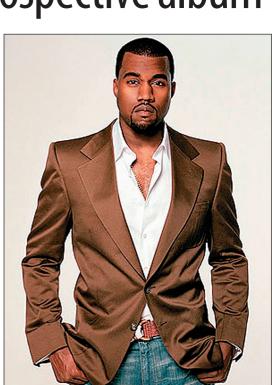
low points.

West has made a personal album better heard alone on a pair of headphones, instead of at a party blaring over speakers. However, singles "Heartless" and "Love Lockdown" work surprisingly well on the stereo.

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As far as West's lyrics, aside from a few songs like "Welcome to Heartbreak," West expresses his emotions in more general terms rather than in specifics. However, those sorts of lyrical choices allow the listener to see pieces of themselves in the songs, but this might upset those who would have preferred a more personal manifesto from West.

It is exciting to see West break away from his comfort zone, and more often than not, the album is a success. "808s and Heartbreak" will not please everyone, but for those willing to join West in his pain, it shows though West is a larger-than-life pop star, behind the posturing there is pathos, and he is still, after all, only human.



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GIVING | Toys, coats, volunteers all needed for successful holiday season

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County Police officer, and when he retired, Padgett took over the program.

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FACULTY PROFILE

California native focuses on diversity in literature

By Jenna Scavuzzo KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Surrounded by eclectic political and popular culture posters, vibrant Latino art and shelves stocked with classic literature, assistant professor of English Tanya Gonzalez sees her personality illuminated throughout her office.
Gonzalez, who began teaching at K-State in fall 2005,

said she loves her career because it allows her to connect with her Latino culture, discuss the politics of feminism and her passion for literature and develop relationships with her students.

Gonzalez said teaching college English fits her personality because it allows her to be critical and analytical

"I've always been a bookworm and I'm very passionate about social justice," she said. "This job allows two of my biggest passions to coexist. It's a perfect blend of dealing with art and the real world at the same time."

Gonzalez teaches "Fiction Into Film" and "Women in Literature" and will teach "Latino Cultural Studies" next semester. Her research is primarily in Chicana and U.S. Latino studies, especially the representation of Latinas in

Gonzalez is also the faculty adviser for both United Multicultural Women and the Student Organization for Cultural Studies. She is the vice president of Alianza, an organization that allocates the advancement of Latinos at K-State, and is actively involved with the women's studies and American ethnic studies departments.

Gonzalez's parents were born in Puerto Rico, and she was born and raised in southern California. She received her bachelor's degree in literature from Scripps College. She also earned her master's and doctoral degrees in English from the University of California, Riverside, where she specialized in American literature, Latino studies and women's studies.

She said she chose to come to K-State from California because she recognized the friendly atmosphere of the

campus "I loved the K-State interview I had," she said. "This department is full of the nicest people. It was a fun transition and completely new experience. I'm really happy

Gonzalez also met her husband, who is also an English professor, at K-State. They were married in August 2007

Gonzalez said her main teaching objective is to inspire students to think for themselves. She said she develops conversations with them and attempts to present material to her students so they can apply it to their individu-



Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Tanya Gonzalez, assistant professor of English, grades a student's work from her Fiction into Film class Wednesday. Gonzalez takes a different approach to her teaching by encouraging more free thinking among her students.

al interests.

"I'm very democratic with my teaching," she said. "I try to open up their minds and expose them to new fiction and new ideas, and see what they can do with it. I love having intelligent conversations about literature with college students. The interaction I have with them is what makes my job fabulous?

Some of Gonzalez's students said they appreciate her inspirational teaching style.

'She is always very well-prepared for class, and her main objective is to do as much as she can for students," said Ashley Ortiz, graduate student in English. "She's an extremely accommodating and helpful teacher. She's also a very sweet person and is extremely intelligent."

Some other professors in the English department appreciate Gonzalez's enthusiastic nature.

"She is enormously energetic and good-spirited," said Elizabeth Dodd, professor of English. "She brings those talents to everything she does."

Gonzalez, who described herself as a happy, opinionated and fair person, said she thinks the most rewarding aspect of her job is helping and watching her students develop their futures.

'I love seeing my students go out and do fabulous things in the world," she said. "I'm always talking with them about getting to the next level – I love that students are the future and are world-changers. Helping facilitate that just makes me really happy."

Layers important for winter dash to class

By Emily Aldredge KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When students jump out of bed at 7 a.m. just in time to catch an early lecture, a chilly wind and cold sleet can dampen their enthusiasm. To allow for a quicker return to a warm and inviting bed, many sleepy students just grab a hooded sweatshirt on their way out the door as protection against the elements.

Elizabeth McCullough, textiles fessor said this comfortable clothing will lead to a cold and potentially unsafe walk to class.

McCullough, who is a textiles researcher for companies like L.L. Bean and The North Face, said students often neglect their legs when the weather dips to the extremes.

'One of the most important things people don't do is distribute the insulation evenly on their whole body," she said. "Most K-State students just wear jeans."

Not only do students hurrying to class in the winter forget to cover their legs, but a sweatshirt is not a waterproof or windproof outer layer.

One of McCullough's top tips for staying warm is to choose a winter coat with three layers. Under the outer layer, or shell, the "filling" can be either synthetic or down, and the outer layer should keep it completely dry. Finally, the inner liner, the layer closest to the body, can be made of almost anything.

When choosing a coat for freezing temperatures, it should be as thick and bulky as possible. Air trapped in the filling of the coat keeps heat close to the body. Following McCullough's rule of covering the body evenly, the coat should also be as long as possible.

"A long coat is warmer than a



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Students often forget to dress properly for cold weather. Layers, gloves and hats are essential to staying warm this winter season.

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short coat. Period." McCullough said. McCullough said she knows the bulk of a heavy winter coat deters some women from choosing warmth over fashion. However, fashion marketing students have found ways to dress up a heavy or neutral-colored

MacKayla Dougherty, senior in apparel marketing and design, said the economy has kept people from buying more expensive or trendy coats.

"If people are buying things, they are buying staples," Dougherty said.

An example of a staple in a women's wardrobe would be a simple, black pea coat that can be worn for many years with many styles. This year with the economy,

scarves are an easy way to update and

"Plus, they keep you warm."

Luckily for K-State students, Kansas temperatures don't reach the extremes of more northern states. But students who exercise in the cold or have jobs that require working outside should pay attention to moisture accumulation close to their skin.

"I have done a study on football uniforms," McCullough said. "With sports clothing it's always a question of sweat."

McCullough also gave the example of firefighters dying of heat stroke - not from fire but from their bodies not evaporating sweat from fireproof clothing.

So the next time students dash out the door to sub-freezing temperatures, it wouldn't hurt to add some extra layers with gloves and a hat.

Annual holiday parade will feature 3 bands, mayor's tree lighting

By Tim Schrag KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Manhattan will celebrate the holiday season by conducting the Mayor's Spirit of the Holiday Parade on Friday.

Mayor Mark Hatesohl said the parade will begin at 6 p.m. at Manhattan Town Center. It will head west on Ponytz Avenue to 11th Street and then go north to Moro Street into Aggieville. The parade will proceed down the Moro and finish near Chipotle.

The lighted parade will consist of 43 different participants including three marching bands: the K-State Marching Band, Manhattan High Marching Band and the Fort Riley 1st Division

The K-State baseball team will be pushing

grocery carts to collect food for the Flint Hills Breadbasket to promote holiday help for the less fortunate.

At 6:45 p.m. K-State choirs will be singing carols in Triangle Park. At 7 p.m., before awards and the lighting of the mayor's Christmas tree, a K-State hospitality group provide refreshments.

"This is a great opportunity for the community to come together and help provide food for the less fortunate in our community and kick off the holiday season with the lighted parade," Hatesohl said.

People who want more information can visit the City of Manhattan's web site at http://www. ci.manhattan.ks.us or call the city manager's office at 785-587-2501.





